# ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2639: timeshares; disclosures

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## Overview

Establishes additional requirements regarding a purchase agreement for a timeshare and creates separate disclosure documents that must be provided to a purchaser as part of the sale of a timeshare.

## History

A timeshare purchaser may rescind an agreement without cause within 7 days after executing a purchase agreement. The rights to rescind an agreement are required to be disclosed in the agreement. If a seller allows the period to rescind an agreement to extend beyond 7 days, the purchase agreement must reflect the longer period of time. The disclosure is required to include the following information: 1) the purchaser may cancel the agreement without penalty or obligation within 7 days; 2) the purchaser must notify the seller in writing if they decide to cancel the agreement; 3) the purchaser's notice of cancellation is effective on the date the notice is sent to the seller; and 4) the purchaser may execute all closing documents in advance (A.R.S. § 32-2197.03).

## **Provisions**

## Purchase Agreements (Sec. 1)

- 1. Requires a purchase agreement for a timeshare to be in writing and signed by a purchaser.
- 2. Requires a developer to give a purchaser a paper copy of the agreement when a purchaser signs the agreement.
- 3. Extends the timeframe for a purchaser to rescind a purchase agreement from 7 days to 10 days after executing the agreement.
- 4. Specifies that the denial of a purchaser's rights without a good faith legal basis constitutes an unlawful practice.
  - a. Allows the Attorney General (AG) to investigate and take appropriate action.

#### *Initialed Disclosure (Sec. 2)*

- 5. Requires a purchase agreement to contain a separate disclosure document that discloses all of the following:
  - a. A purchaser has 10 days to cancel a purchase agreement without a penalty;
  - b. A purchaser may be responsible for paying maintenance fees, taxes and other assessments every year for the duration of ownership:
  - c. Timeshares are not investments;
  - d. The purchase agreement is final, and any conflicting statements made by the seller are not part of the agreement; and
  - e. A purchaser has the right to file a consumer complaint with the AG.
- 6. Requires a purchaser to separately initial each of the disclosures.

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## Signed Disclosure (Sec. 2)

- 7. Requires a seller to provide a purchaser with a separate disclosure document to inform a purchaser of their actual and potential liabilities under a purchase agreement before entering into the agreement.
- 8. Requires the disclosure document, at a minimum, to disclose all of the following:
  - a. The duration of the timeshare agreement or whether the agreement has no set duration; and
  - b. A good faith estimate of the total potential financial obligation during the first year of ownership.
- 9. Specifies that if the maximum amount of the first year's assessments is:
  - a. Known, the disclosure must include the maximum amount of the assessments and the assessments levied for the previous three years; or
  - b. Unknown, the disclosure must provide the purchaser with:
    - i. Notice that the purchaser will be required to pay assessments in addition to the purchase payment and the amount is unknown;
    - ii. A statement disclosing the assessments for the previous three years and a good faith estimate of the first year's assessments that is at least the highest of the previous three years; and
    - iii. An affirmative statement that there is no limit on the assessments that may be charged in the first year of ownership unless the purchase agreement provides for a limit.
- 10. Requires a purchaser to sign the separate disclosure document.

### Miscellaneous (Sec. 1,2)

- 11. Requires a purchaser to verify that they have read and understand the information presented in both disclosure documents.
- 12. Requires a purchaser to be provided with a copy of the initialed disclosure and signed disclosure at the time of signing for the purchaser's records.
- 13. Requires a seller to keep a signed copy of both disclosure documents.
- 14. Stipulates that if there are blank spaces in the purchase agreement or the disclosure documents, the contract is voidable.
- 15. Allows the State Real Estate Commissioner to recommend or require that the separate disclosures be in a specified form.
  - a. Specifies that the form must contain all required information.
- 16. Makes technical and conforming changes.